## FIGHTING THEM OVER.

What Our Veterans Have to Say About Their Old Campaigns.

BURNSIDE AND HOOKER.

A Defense of Fighting Joe.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: I have been a good deal interested in "The Boy Spy's" room for someone else to have their say.

enlogizes Gen. Burnside at Gen. Hooker's ex- its never-fading sights. Boy Spy " is laboring under a mistake,

attempted to storm and take Marye's Hights; | menced sharpshooting." And again, in his su- road, after crossing the stream, made a sharp | pleted bridge across the Rappahannock River

mon. He had no such army.

south from the city of Fredericksburg. I was tain wounded and died 12 days after.

and that from that time until the close of the | fidelity."

river and selected his position. This done, he | suits of the conflict. (This is what was told me by an officer who over. there were some Union troops. Here I rejoined dered to Washington. We left Gloucester played in the fight yesterday." Point, near Yorktown, and crossed to Urbana, a town on the Rappahannock River below Fredericksburg, and were ferried over the river by the gupbosts that met us there. We then went up what in Virginia is called the "Northern | London, Conn. Neck," the strip of country between the Potomac and Rappahannock Rivers, to Washington. On that trip we exptured three of Mosby's men. They had their servant with them, three prisoners we turned over to the Provost- 8, 1888, E. L. Negus, Co. E, 1st Mich. Cav., Marshal at Washington, and the servant re- says: with stores, and that a large amount of stores | and that regiment was the 1st Mich. Cav." were piled up out-doors, covered with canthe track. This being true (and I have be- for about eight miles. lieved it over since the darky told it), to have

Of the battle of Chancellorsville I have nothtions, and they were exhausted. A heavy rain | reached just at dark. came on and raised the river 10 feet in one night. Hooker was liable to lose his posteon and only wide enough for four horses to move bridges, and if he did he was in a cold country. abreast, while from its lower edge was a deep | the General remarked : He knew nothing of Stoneman or of his doings; of his success or failure. It is probable that drizzling rain, and enveloped in darkness so as he has got-John Peter Shindall Gobin ?" Hooker came to the conclusion, after taking all | deep that the riders, though jostling together, things into consideration, that the other side of | could not see each other, the exhausted, sleepy the river was the safest place, therefore he re- soldiers on their weary animals slowly toiled, treated; and I have heard it stated somewhere the heavy tread of the horses and the jingling that Lee at the same time retreated toward of steel scabbards, the only sound that broke Richmond. As to the truth of this I knew not. | the deep silence until near the top, when sud-The 8th Ill. Cav. was in Gen. Averell's Divis- denly a mouth of fire opened in the gloom, and yet others might be as good. Gen. Emory was ington, D. C. ion, and I have conversed with officers of that | the thunder of cannon shook the hights, while | not a man who would run himself, and his men regiment within the last five years. They tell down the narrow road came the fiery hail- knew he was worthy to command; and the recme that Gen. Averell went to Raccoon Ford, on storm. Though on the lookout for danger the ord he made with his division in Louisiana the Rapidan River, the appointed place where | column was startled at the suddenness of the | and Virginia is good enough at least. Had the they were to cross to join Steneman, and wait- discharge, and before it had time to recover | cavalry not been there also, who thinks the ed around there three or four days and re- from either side came a rattling fire of musketry, Sixth or any other corps could have alone turned as they went to Gen. Hooker's head- lighting up with a strange glow that rocky | checked the enemy that forenoon? quarters. These officers told me also that their | mountain summit. The leading squadron (1st

ordered them back. "The Boy Spy " has said in THE NATIONAL gling in the darkness. But that lone column, cavalry did not. Now I claim that the cav- side, could not wheel about, and so the broken | Vt., Putney, Vt. alry failed, and thereby compelled Hooker's re- squadrons were rallied, skirmishers dismounttreat. Here we will leave this for every un- ed and thrown out, and the lat W. Va. Cav. prejudiced reader to form his own opinion as to (Wean's) ordered to the front. Forming as the ticneralship of the two commanders, after | best they could in the gloom, the bugle soundhe takes a view of Buruside's army climbing | ed the charge (a squadron of Ohio cavalry form-Marye's Hights in a storm of iron and leaden | ed with us) and across the summit and down hall, and Hooker with Gordonsville burned, the farther side into the inky darkness the Averell Resping communication open between | fearless riders plunged; clearing the way be-Hooker and Stoneman. With this plan com- fore them, they kept on until they came upon pleted Stoneman knew that Hooker had not Ewell's long train guarded by four regiments. been repulsed, and therefore selt at liberty to Firing a volley, they cried: "Do you surcontinue his raid on to Richmond.

the outer fortifications of the rebel Capital and | had come to a halt, A heavy thunderstorm found no troops there, but were too few to ven- now broke along the mountain, which, comture in further. I will state that there was a bined with the roar of torrents down its side Lieutenaut of my regiment in Libby Prison at | and the howling of the wind, joined to the that time, and he reported on joining the regi- shouts, oaths and curses of men, added inconment soon after that the prisoners in Libby | ceivable terror to the scene. knew that the Union forces were near, and they had a few arms smuggled into the prison, and Kilpatrick disposed of his prisoners (some arrangements were made to attack the guards | 1,800) as he best could, and burned such wagons at the first sound of trouble outside. If Stoneman had gone to Richmond instead of getting Captain, Co. B, 1st W. Cav. scared at a rebel telegram and returning North, the results of Hooker's campaign might have been very different.-F. BEDFORD, Hospital Steward, 12th Ill. Cav., Oregon, Ill.

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26th Conn. at Port Hudson.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: In your issue of May 3 appears an article rightly named "Deadly Port Hudson." I have been waiting to see if some more able mind than my own

in the article above referred to. the hope of vindicating the actions of our regi-

bravery of our regiment on that day, as follows: "There was just room enough between history of himself and the Army of the Poto- | the ravine and the shrubbery for our regimac; but latterly I think that he is running mental line. The advance was ordered, Gen.

condid, unbiased mind that in doing so "The fighting that was done in the center? I ask | the company and Weiler to take his place, and | bandment. the question, because Comrade Webber further ordered also that Birney retain command of It is a well-known fact that when Gen. Burn- | says: "Until the advance reached the ditch, | the advance-guard, because he had had conside was put in command of the Army of the the enfilleding with the direct fire had severely siderable experience. Potomac he crossed the Rappahaunock River at | thinned our ranks, and no support being in Fredericksburg in December, 1862; that the sight we dropped upon the ground and comthat he massed his troops above the city of logics of our service of the 14th of June, in | bend to the right toward the foot of the mount- at about 10 a.m., after having been once driven Fredericksburg, and was compelled to with- these words: "We had laughed at and ridi- ain and came very close to the line of our ad- away from their work by an attack of the eneculed them for their cowardliness in not sup- vance. Here, while we halted to examine my, and before and during this attack had an Right here I would like to ask "The Boy porting us on the 27th of May." I wish Com-Spy "how many men would be necessary to rade Webber to notice the support we gave, mountain, we heard what was supposed to be a whom was captured. The 15th N. Y. Engisterm and take these hights? And if he an- which is given in a partial history of the 26th | squad of cavalry coming down the road toward | neers built a bridge a few yards distant at the may that Gen. Burnside would require at least | rious service of secondary interest, the regi- | dered his men to take position behind a bank | about two miles below the city, near the Bermix to Gen. Loc's one behind those fortified | ment had its first general engagement in the | of earth formed by a tree having been torn out | nard place. I will here status a fact of general had 60,000; then Gea, Euruside would have jected to a terrific fire at short range, as it occuhad to have to have been successful, 360,000 | pied a particularly dangerous position in the assaulting line, and suffered a loss of 107 offi- horsemen appeared in view over a rise in the discovered at their work by the picket, who In May, 1863, Gen. Sedgwick captured those cers and men." Our Colonel was wounded, road not more than 100 yards distant, advanc- then took a brand from the fire near him and hights with the Sixth Corps, and moved out one of our Captains killed, and another Cap- ing so leisurely that at first we were puzzled waved it over his head a certain fixed number

on the opposite side of the river, and having a I consider it to be a glorious and not cow- the time they got nearly abreast of our position immediately shown back of the city and a siglittle curiosity to see those hights and the way ardly support (if not of the 6th Mich.) of this | we had discovered by their uniform that they | nal gun fired. These bridges remained at this they were fortified, I crossed over on one of our beloved country and its free institutions, were enemies. They were now so close we point of crossing until they were taken up afthe pontoon bridges and spent a fielf day in over which the Stars and Stripes shall always dared not move for fear of being discovered. ter daylight Dec. 16. At this time the 50th looking the ground over where Burnside's float. I will quote, for further proof of our They were evidently all officers, and the Cor. N. Y. Engineers built the bridge opposite the army had been; also the position of Gen. Lee. support, an extract from a Connecticut paper poral was anxious to get all three, and quietly city, and another was built several miles down From that time until now I have wendered printed Aug. 8, 1803: "The history of the 26th whispered to Serg't Weiler, who was on his the river, possibly by a detachment of the 15th why, and tried to find some excuse for, Burn-regiment is emblazoned with glory to our Com-left, to take the left-hand man, who was large N. Y. Engineers. Jan. 20, 1863, was in the adside doing as he did. "The Boy Spy" has fur- monwealth. In the first assault upon Port and well-proportioned and wore a gray uniform | vance to the right, but were unable to reach nished it. Gen. Bernside was evidently out of Hudson they led the charge in company with | with a red sash. Wm. Johnson, who was on | the river on account of the storm, and as a last his head. I never believed that he was any- one other regiment, and suffered the most se- the Corporal's right, was ordered to fire on the resort took the boats from the foundered thing but a good officer and loyal to the last. | verely of any regiment in the engagement. | right-hand man, who also were a gray uniform, | wagons and were dragging them along over the "The Boy Spy" tells us that in the Spring | And all through the weary siege their long list | the Corporal saying he would direct his fire on | mud until ordered in person by Gen. Burnside of 1863 Gen. Hooker organized the cavalry, of casualties are a record of their courage and the man in the middle, who were a blue uni- to stop. (The volunteer Engineers were out

war, whenever the Union and rebel cavalry | Again I will quote from Comrade Webber in | of his blue cap. When directly opposite our | not state where.) April 28 again built a bridge met, the rebel cavairy hunted for a place to continuance of my last quotation from him: position they turned square to the right, leav- at same point. May 3 they made this bridge run. This is a fact; and right in here comes | "And well did they redeem themselves, but | ing the road, with the evident intention of | into rafts and moved them to Fredericksburg by another fact, that during the years 1861, 62, all to no purpose. It was not their fault, poor | riding out in the valley to take a look at our | water, and built a bridge just down from the when the Union cavalry met Ashby's or Sta- sufferers, that they did not gain glory or, as it works. This brought them squarely in our railroad bridge at the town. The raits were art's cavalry, the Union cavalry looked for a turned out, even thanks." What do you mean, front with their backs to us and about 30 to 40 fired upon by a Whitworth gun of the enemy. place to run, with the rebs after them. This comrade, by "it was not their fault that they | yards distant. The Corporal gave the word, | The successful assault on Marye's Hights by may not always have been the case, but it was | did not gain glory "? Do you mean that the | and the fire was delivered. The man to the | the Sixth Corps took place just as the bridge the rate. "The Boy Spy" tells us that Hooker | 6th Mich. plucked it from us when, as you say, | right was untouched, the one in the center fell | was completed. As the Sixth Corps held the organized the cavalry and put Gen. Stoneman "we had lain here but a short time when a from his horse, the one to the left appeared to town, there was, of course, no opposition to we had said the early and put the collection when is sometime when it is entire the early and the might also have said that the early and the might also have said that the early and the might also have said that the early and the might also have said that the might also have said the might also have said the might also have said the could stop the destructive fire also up of the might also have said that the might also have said the might also have said the could stop the destructive fire also might also have said the said and when last heard from was in Columbus in the tree was, of court also was, of the might also have said that the might also have said the could stop the head said that the might also have said the could stop the head said that the might also have said that the might also have said that the might also have said the was, of court also was, of the might also have said that the also crossed the Kapidan River, with the excep- ates, and thus relieve the men who were tem- with another ball. Corp'l Birney then and Charles E. Cross, their commander, being intion of one division of cavalry (Averell's), porarily helpless"? and the description you there reproved Serg't Weiler for firing on a stantly killed by a sharpshooter. This bridge bay, N. Y., in September, 1864. leaving the Sixth Corps under Gen. Sedgwick | give of the relief you had as you advanced over | man too seriously wounded to rise to a sitting | was taken up by them June 12. The author at Falmouth, and then moved out from the the field of carnage and saw the terrible re- posture, and directed him to reload and return of "Washington Gossip," in your issue of June

erdered the cavalry to go to a certain point, What, comrade, did the 6th Mich. go over Now, Major, your points of error are as fol- informed me that they were supported by the there to wait until Gen. Averell joined them, the same ground we so ingleriously marched lows: Sorg't Weiler was not given two men, Artillery Brigade of the Third Division, Sixth whom all three divisions were to go to Gor- over while bullets and all imaginable kinds of neither did be give a single order, caution or Corps, and the Infantry Brigade of Brooks's donsville, and were to burn Gordonsville. missiles were hurled thick and fast into our direction. Corp'l Birney was in charge from Division, Sixth Corps. During the Winter From there Stoneman was to cut the railroad ranks until 73 of the 235 men we had in our beginning to end. There was no point design they attended to the building of fortifications behind Lee's army, and Averell was to keep line had fallen? History says our loss was nated to meet the company. If we got into at Acquia Creek and stockades along the railcommunication open between Stoneman and over one-half the loss of the brigade to which | trouble we were to fight and fall back to the | road, made topographical surveys, and kept a Hooker as long as it was possible. Gen. Stone- we belonged. Is it possible, comrade, that your company. Serg't Weiler and his men did not record of the condition of the river, etc. I man went to the appointed place and waited regiment passed over that ground immediately meet three men on horseback. While Corp'l will close, however, by stating that in the lat-24 hours for Averell, but Averell did not put after us and your loss for the day was only Birney and his men lay in ambush for three men | ter part of August, 1862, they destroyed bridges, in an appearance. Stoneman had waited so eight wounded, and thus gained the glory of who rode along the road, with the result detailed etc., from Fredericksburg to Acquia Creek. long that he alandoned Gordonsville and went | the day? Perhaps, comrade, you mean we did | above. The accuracy of the aim may be judged | Thus they were seen, at least by the enemy, and cut the railroad behind Lee's army, and not gain glory in the sense that the stay-at- from the fact that but one man out of three | while on "ornamental duty" in that section of cut it just a half hour after Gen. Hill's Corps | homes say glory is obtained, because every | was unhorsed at the short range of 40 yards. | Virginia. of 30,000 men had gone over to join Lee's army. man of us did not fall before the charge was Johnson declared he misunderstood my order | I remember with pride that I served in this

was with Stoneman on that raid on his return | Again, comrade, you say we did not gain | Co. E, 17th Ind., Chief of Wilder's Scouts, Oak. | to 1865. It was never in other than fatigue to Falmouth.) "The Boy Spy" has told more even thanks for the part we took in the charge | wood, Mo. shout that raid than I can tell, with one excep- on June 14. I have before me an extract of a tion, and that is that Gen. Kilpatrick's regi- letter written by one of the 26th Conn., dated ment (the 2d N. Y.) and the 12th Ill. Cav. did | "In the field before Port Hudson, June, 17, not return with Gen. Stoneman, but went on | 1863," in which I find the following: "June | to Bickmond into the outer fortifications of | 15, 1863, -Pleasant weather. We lay in the the city, but dared not go into the city, edge of the woods near the battlefield. At 5 done by any troops other than the Sixth Corps | the Mexican war. The late Gen. McClellan but turned and went to Yorktown, where p. m. we were ordered into line, and a compli- at Cedar Creek, Oct. 19, 1864, if they ever heard | was at that time a Licutemant in this company. my regiment. Some time in June we were or- for the bravery and coolness which we dis-

> If necessary, perhaps some other member of our regiment will furnish further proof of the | manded at the time by Col. Stephen Thomas, | A., ) in command, Jan. 21, 1861, arrived at support the 26th Conn. rendered at Port Hud- afterward Brigadier-General, U. S. Vols.; that Washington, D. C., and this little company of try to adopt this plan, and thus enable all son .- B. F. Gates, Co. G. 28th Conn., New | brigade which, at the first sound of the enemy's "sappers and miners" was a loyal and true re-

The Charge at Monterey July 4, 1863.

manued with our regiment for some time. I "It is now a quarter of a century since the only about 1,800 strong (I know, for I made | In October the company had returned to conversed with him several times, and he al- night of the memorable charge at Monterey, ways told the same story, that he was at | and our friends of the 5th Mich., 1st Ohio, and Gordonsville at the time of Stoneman's raid, 1st Va. Cav. may have come to the conclusion, and said that there were no troops there, noth- by telling their story so many times, that they ing but a few Home Guards, and that they are the only men left who took part in that heard the Yanks were coming and stacked memorable charge. I do not wish to rob any so that what was left were in at the finish? of the old company was equal to the task of their arms. He also said that at that time | regiment of their laurels, or claim any honor |

was. To use his own words, all the rell- steal your thunder, but we (1st Va.) and two not been flanked both rear and on the left. I organization of the Army of the Potomac the ing stock in the Confederacy was on companies of 1st Ohio did give the Johnnies well remember a cavalry soldier informing me, the track at Gordonsville, loaded with "thunder and blixen" from the point where while striking for the pike and rear (west) of duty, for which they were particularly wellsarmy stores, and 84 locomotives were then on you were repulsed near the Monterey House | Middletown, not to go there, for they had four | fitted, and at first they were drilled and in-

On the morning of the 4th of July, 1863, it burned Gordonsville would have whipped Lee's | was ascertained that the enemy was in full re- corps under as adverse circumstances ever | of them speak of our Sergeant-Major, (Gerber) army. His only show would have been to get treat, and Kilpstrick immediately started in fought better than the old Second Brigade, with respect and estcem. back to Richmond, and Gen. Hooker, under- pursuit to harass his rear and capture his First Division, Nineteenth Corps did that day. I will not go on with their history, as it is ing to say; but the Army of the Potomac was for only a short time and hurried forward to- goes that Lieut. James Witherill, on the staff being a permanent organization, in any future

The road up it was dry along the steep sides, abyas. Up this narrow, unknown way, in a render?" "Yes," was the reply, and for eight As I said before, the two regiments went into | miles the cavalry swept along the train that

> At length the welcome morning came, when (180) which he could not get off .- H. P. Boon.

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COL. WASHINGTON'S DEATH U. S. ENGINEER BATTALION.

The Story as Told by W. L. Birney. EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: Maj. Weiler, Co. E, 17th Ind., who recently wrote of the would not write to you and refute the charge | death of Col. John A. Washington near Elkmade by W. H. Webber against the 26th Conn. | water, W. Va., errs so radically, notwithstanding he says his report was made under oath,

> will give it. We moved forward at once rapidly, yet cau- detailed, but did not go out. Dec. 10, 1862,

> tiously, until we reached a point where the moved out with pontoons at dark and comwhat we took for a brush tent on the opposite | abutment party on the opposite bank, one of

and fired on the middle man .- W. L. BIENEY,

The Mineteenth Corps at Cedar Creek.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: I wish to ask | trust will be of general interest. mentary order was read us from Gen. Dwight of the Second Brigade, First Division, Nine- At Contreras, Cherubusco, Molino del Ray, teenth Corps, at that place, composed of 8th | Chapultepec and City of Mexico they were part EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: In an article after stand against what every man in the for desense. A detachment was also at Washa mulatto, a man of average intelligence. The | published in THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE of March | ranks knew to be hundreds to one, in order | ington, and was the first to cross into Virginia, that time might be given for the Sixth Corps and took an active part in the construction of to form and get into position; a brigade of the fortifications. Gordonsville was Gen. Lee's storehouse; that justly due them, but would like to give the the Eighth and Nineteenth Corps ever hear of tively short time; and I consider this a valuaevery building in Gerdensville was packed | honor to the regiment which made the charge, | this little brigade? There were some others in | able precedent, for the too-common expression, Now, Mr. 1st Mich. Cav., we don't wish to who would never have fallen back if they had had no room on their parade ground. On the

mittsburg drenched and weary. It halted here I do not vouch for the truth of it. The story this country and in a loyal, hearty way, and rights. on that side of the river with five days' ra- ward the mountain, the base of which was at brigade headquarters, rode up to Gen. Me- emergency they will be the first to be called to

Now, boys, these quarrels over " who did the

regiment offered to cross the river, and some of Mich.) broke and fell back on the second, fighting" are all of little account when we stop them rode into the river, but that Gen. Averell | which also broke, and for a moment the narrow | and consider that we all did all we could under road was jammed with men and horses strug- | the circumstances, and before we cry down others let us find out all the reasons and give TRIBUNE of June 7 that Hooker failed, but the winding for miles away down the mountain- each the credit due.-LE Roy Shelley, 8th

A Forager Comes to Grief.

march from Murfreesboro to Columbia through | morning? As I was crossing I fell off the rails the mud and slush that the circumstance oc- that we had to cross on into the mud and water. his misery. Such is war! curred. Comrade Isaac Maddy had obtained a | As I fell I threw my gan over my head and it sick permit to march out of ranks, and was stuck in the mud, muzzle down. It was a comientered a house, and while the others were came of the old flag just then. hunting in the rear of the house Maddy disfire, and proceeded at once to examine it. On | distillery we captured before we got to Huntsinvestigation he found it contained a fine tur- | ville helped out Turchin's Brigade. That mornkey and two chickens for Christmas dinner, al. | ing I felt my love for the old flag returning | ready cooked. He held on to the trophies, but stronger than ever. I know I was all right Vaughan and myself helped to share that tur- my company tili we disbanded. E. Johnson, or any of the old comrades who may remember Maddy's triumphal march back "A \$2 Washing Machine Pree."-To introduce to the ranks with that big turkey, with Adj't Johnson closely at his rear inquiring for Capt, Shane .- L. H. CRAIG, Co. H, 140th Ind., New

Their Services at Fredericksburg, Va., 1862, 'S. EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: In your valuable paper, and one which will be a mine of inlately appeared articles by J. H. Birdsley and T. L. Willey concerning "Who Laid the Pontoons at Fredericksburg?" and in regard to With your permission I will briefly state the | that I send you the true account. The Major | this, as is often the case in general statements, opinion of one of the 26th Conn, in regard to | is correct up to the point where Capt. Stowe | both are wrong and both right. The U.S. Enthe charge on the 27th day of May, 1863, with | was ordered forward with Co. E. 17th Ind., to | gineer battalion was part of the Engineer Brireconnoiter; but here he seems to have be- gade, Army of the Potomac, at least from Nocome demoralized, and as his story seems to vember, 1862, to date of Gen. Meade's taking Comrade Webber has seen fit to question the | indicate that he wishes the exact account, I | command in June, 1863. This brigade was composed of the U.S. Engineer battalion, 15th When Capt. Stowe had reached a point where | and 50th N. Y. Engineers, and at the time prudence made it necessary, he detailed Corp'l mentioned was commanded by Brig. Gen. H. William L. Birney with two men to act as ad- | W. Benham, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A. On the history into politics, and leaves a little | Sherman leading the head of the column; the | vance-guard, and ordered him to proceed along | one occasion he reviewed the brigade and is-128th N. Y. following closely, leaving the 26th | the base of the mountain to the right of the | sued a complimentary order concerning its There are several things that he describes | Conn. and 15th N. H. to act as support." He | road to guard against a surprise. Wm. John- | services. Except during the time mentioned, that are correct undenbiedly, yet I think that then describes the borrors of the charge in a son and Wm. Sumaney were the two men de- the U. S. Engineer battalion was under the dibe is laboring under a slight mistake when he way that chokes, when I think of that day and tailed. Serg't Weiler here made a request that rect orders of the commanding General of the he be permitted to be one of the squad. Capt. | Army of the Potomac from the date of the orpense; and I think that I can convince every | Did the 6th Mich. and 128th N. Y. do all the Stowe then ordered Sumaney to remain with | ganization of that historical army until its dis-

follows:

swers correctly, which I think he will, he will Gonn., where I find these words: "After va- where we were standing. Corp'l Birney or- same time. The location of these bridges was hights. We will suppose that Gen. Lee had assault on Port Hudson in May. It was sub- by the roots, and where we were completely interest. The boats during the night were alprotected from observation and within 30 to 40 | most noiselessly put in the water by the Engifeet of the road. In a few moments three neers, but just at the break of day they were as to whether they were friends or foes. By of times apparently, when a colored light was form, with a white cloth sewed across the top also most probably, but at this writing I canto the company and report what had occurred. 28, describes this occasion, and has since kindly

> organization three years, from November, 1861, uniform, and it is the universal testimony that we went where we were told, and did our duty cheerfully and zealously. No soldier can do more. Permit me to state a few facts, which I

these who cannot admit that any fighting was | Co. A was organized in 1846 and did duty in Vt., 12th Conn., 160th N. Y. and 47th Pa.-the of the storming party. This company, Capt. J. Reserve Brigade of the Nineteenth Corps, com- | C. Duane (late Chief Corps of Engineers, W. S. guns, fell in and marched out perpendicular | inforcement. On March 4 it was the personal with the pike, then forming parallel with the escort of Abraham Lincoln at his inauguration. pike stood like a stone wall against the whole | From April 16 to Sept. 17 it was on continuous force; then, on the left flank, making stand | duty, putting Fort Pickens, Fla., in a condition

out their reports monthly and tri-monthly) | Washington. Three new companies were orfighting against hope, expecting to die or go to | ganized and recruited, one, however, by trans-Richmond, losing over half their men killed, fers, and these 300 and over recruits enlisted wounded and missing, and then only falling just as much from patriotic motives as any one back as ordered, and not losing their formation, at that time, and the character and discipline Did not those who are now throwing mud at | making "Regulars" out of them in a compara. | and right. the two divisions of the Nineteenth Corps also | "I didn't come out to drill, I come out to fight, lines more than a mile in length on our flank. structed by the "old hands" of the U. S. Now, I question if a single brigade in any | Engineer battalion, and I have heard a number

Millan, who was in command of the division in | the front, and it is not right to belittle what | ing interest THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE, and did the merning, telling him that Col. Gobin fought | they have accomplished in the past or sneer at | not know how necessary it was for the soldier his regiment like the --- that day; and that | what they may be capable of doing in the | mind until it did not come. Herewith please future. It appears to me to be the patriotic find subscription for renewal, and many sincere "Well, who wouldn't fight with such a name | way to have a kindly feeling toward our little | thanks for your persistent work for the old band of "Regulars," and if there should be a veterans." Now, I would only ask those who say so much | rivalry it should be only a generous one and against the Nineteenth Corps to get copies of helpful to all. As to "Regulars" being good General Orders issued by Gen. Sheridan after citizens, go and hunt up how many sol-Sept. 19 and Oct. 19, 1864, and read what he diers and sailors of the Regular Army and said regarding all the troops engaged. There Navy deserted their flag in 1860, '61 and went could be no better troops than the Sixth Corps, to the enemy. - GILBERT THOMPSON, Wash-

Shelbyville to Huntsville.

and it sent me whirling back 25 years. I re- Pennock-Huey. member Lieut. Coulter well. I have one of his Peter Gray, Co. F. 36th Wis., Burnside, Dak. photos, with many others of the 37th Ind., that | says "The Boy Spy's" description of a battle EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: In reading any of the boys. army reminiscences in the "Fighting Them

Over" column, I am reminded of a little cir-

When the 37th marched to their first vic-I am proud of the record of the 37th Ind ...

for we never let our flag touch the ground .- N. K. Force, Corporal, Co. C, 37th Ind., Hinckley, Minn.

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formation to the future historian, there has From Alert Comrades All Along the

Information Asked and Given. Thomas J. Roberts, Sergeant, Co. B, 6th East Tenn., Kismet, Tenn., says the men of any of them. Perhaps they may all be dead, his regiment, in order to join the Union army, had to leave home between two days and fight gallantry of the regiment, unless something their way to Kentucky, leaving their families and friends to the mercy of the rebels, and mighty little of this quality these flends law, as it is the best and most deserving measand children of these loyal East Tennesseeans in a most barbarous manner. While his com- and could and would force anything for their pany were going to Kentucky they had a benefit; but as he soldiered four and a half and travel by night, for their force was too as the bridge of his nose will permit, when Its services before Fredericksburg were as Nov. 24, 1862, bridge-building parties were that they will not have to pay out the little | soldiers naturally look to him, for something pension they receive to the doctors. Andrew Fife, 3d Ind. Cav., Rosewood, Ind., would like to obtain the address of Lieut.

Wm. Vanoy, Co. M, 3d Ind. Cav. When last heard from he was living in Kansas. F. C. Luce, 402 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford, Mass., desires the address of Comrade S. M. Layman, Co. I, 9th N. J., who recently wrote an article on the battle of Roanoke regiment, which never faltered when ordered for

TRIBUNE. L. B. Drake, Co. E, 19th Ohio, 893 John street, Columbus, O., wants all the old comrades of his company and regiment to know that his latch-string is outside the door all the time for the old boys, especially to Co. E. His brother, G. S. Drake, of the same company, will also be pleased to see his old comrades, and should any comrade desire information before the Encampment he will be pleased to give it

G. P. Cook, Fort Edwards, N. Y., says he would like to inquire if the flend incarnate. Robert Lowden, alias Charles Dales, who caused the explosion of the Sultana, is living, and

W. L. Blackwood, Eureks, Utah, would like to hear from any member of the Pioneer Brigade and the 1st U. S. Volunteer Engineers. He says he writes his communication with his left hand, the only one remaining.

W. H. Reagan, Co. G. 9th Tenn. Cav., Byrdstown, Tenn., would like to hear from some of the boys of the 8th, 9th and 13th Tenn. Cav. and the 10th Mich. Cav., the brigade that killed the rebel guerrilla John Morgan. Mrs. Sarah Kegrise, Mineral Ridge, O., had a

brother (William Adams), who enlisted in the Trumble Guards, independent volunteers, in Warren, O. He was then sent to Gallipolis, and when last heard from was in Columbus in

Connor, now deceased, who enlisted from Bom-

Give Them Their Due.

dence, R. I., thinks the G.A.R. makes a great | Norton's 35 men to do the best we could. In mistake by keeping out of politics, as they justice to Maj. White, he was sick and was not should interview every man who runs for in command of the companies referred to. I Congress and find out how he stands, no matter think the two companies were C and L, 1st which party he may belong to, and if he is in Mo. Cav., Capis. Fairbanks and Caboe. I have favor of legislation in the interests of the soldiers should be supported. By so doing soldiers who commanded Co. C (my company), to write we supply bound in Limp cloth, or 50c. for a copy in themry style. and the act to pay the difference to the vet- to be set right in history, as Maj. White's comerans between gold and currency when the | mand took no part in the charge, only to run this, and there will no longer be a howl about of these two companies were as brave as the such measures.

D, 1st La. Cav., Lake Odessa, Mich., says if the | having arms, did not charge. This is why all present Congress does not do something before | of the Guard were not present. Some were left many days for the soldier, some of its mem- at headquarters and several were guarding bers need not apply for another term, and prisoners that we took some few miles out from another voto by President Cleveland will cut | Springfield. If Maj. Zagonyi is alive to-day him short about 800,000 votes in November. Our Constituents.

John Moses, Adjutant, Post 610, Hawley-

town, N. Y., says he proposed at the last meet-

AL TRIBUNE sent to each member for three months, to be paid for out of the Post funds, knowing that when they had read the paper that length of time no comrade would do with- union of the survivors. Co. C was known as out it. He advises Posts throughout the councomrades to obtain the most valuable paper ever published in the interest of the soldier. A. S. Palmer, First Lieutenaut, Co. B. 1st W. Va. Cav., Rono, Ind., don't see how any veteran soldier can do without THE NATIONAL TRIB-UNE, which is certainly the soldier's friend. He hopes we will continue to tell the rebul

these men, which he thinks is perfectly proper | mouth, Ky. N. G. Eadus, Co. F. 18th U. S. Inf., Racine, Wis., says, in reply to Comrade William Trim-

A. B. Potter, Sergeant, Co. K, 18th Conn., Killingly, Conn., says: "I read with increas-

J. W. Palmer, Co. D. 60th N. Y., Pottsdam, N. Y., writes to correct the answer in the Correspondents Column which was given Comrade Malaga July 12, as to which corps it was that the Eleventh Corps broke through at Chancellorsville. He says there was no Eighth Corps in the Army of the Potomac at that time, the army comprising the First, Second, Third, Fifth, EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: In looking | Eleventh and Twelfth Corps. As to who comover what the old veterans have to say about | manded the squadron of cavalry that made the their campaigns, I saw Lieut. Coulter's account | charge, he also thinks we are mistaken, he beof the march from Shelbyville to Huntsville, lieving that it was Maj. Keenan, and not Maj.

value very highly. There were many inci- reminds him of a man in his company named dents connected with that campaign that are | Charlie Frank, who was wounded June 1, '64, still fresh in my mind. I had just returned to | when four companies of the 36th Wis. were my regiment from the hospital a few days be- ordered to charge the enemy to develop fore they started for Huntsville. I had been them, who were about to turn the right of sick a long time, and was not strong then, but | our army. Poor Frank was shot in the bewels I felt well and thought I could march as far as | so bad that the intestines protruded. Another member of the company, Jay Holloway, had a The first day I marched about five miles, leg shot off, and both he and Frank were captand I was the worst played-out soldier boy ured. Holleway was put in a wagon, while cumstance that occurred in the Winter of '64 | that ever left Indiana well. I rode in the am- | Frank walked behind with a silk handkerchief while in the rear of Gen. Hood. Soon after | bulance for the rest of that day. The day be- | tied around his person to keep his bowels from the battle of Nashville the 140th Ind. was as- fore we went into Huntsville I thought I could | falling. He was suffering torture. Pretty signed to the Third Brigade, Third Division, | march again; and do you remember, Lieuten- | soon Frank was missing, and it was supposed Twenty-third Corps. It was while on the ant, the little mud creek we crossed in the that some friendly rebel hit him over the head with the butt of his musket to put him out of

E. A. Barstow, Ithaca, Mich., says there is a veteran named William Barton, 90 years of leisurely, with a few others, proceeding on his | cal looking sight when I came crawling out of | age, living in Ithaca, who was in the battle of course when he concluded to try his hand at a there, but it was a serious affair with me. I Waterloo, and is perhaps the last man living who little game of foraging. He and three others | cried like a child, and I didn't care what be- | helped defeat Napoleon. The battle occurred 78 years ago June 18 last. Barton belonged to the 33d Inf. (the Duke of Wellington's regiment), covered an old-fashioned pot hanging on the tory I rode on old Co. C's wagon. I think the and was one of the six men of his company who came out of the action without a scratch, This old veteran had two sous who were in the late war, the youngest of whom was starved to death at Salisbury while a prisoner of war, the Adj't Johnson relieved him of his pap. T. C. after that, and never missed a day's duty with other surviving. The old gentleman still retains his faculties; has never used spectacles, although a great reader, and his mind is unimpaired. His wife, who is several years younger than he, is also living. He is certainly a re-

markable old man. G. W. Droddy, Co. B. 9th W. Va., Clendennin, W. Va., relates how Gen. R. B. Hayes, afterwards President of the United States, came

to the relief of a woman who was a laundress in his regiment, but who had been left behind at New Creek Station, W. Va., on account of severe illuess. Gen. Hayes had her cared for, and finally sent to her home at his own expense. Since then he will always take off his hat at the mention of Hayes's name, for be

knew him to be a kind-hearted man. J. F. Joslin, Co. C., 31st Ind., Hoyt, Kan., would like to know if the survivors of his regiment are all in the Soldiers' Homes or in poorhouses of the country, for he never hears from for some one would surely write regarding the of this kind was the matter. He hopes "The National Tribune" Pension Bill will become a possessed, for they would persecute the women | ure yet introduced to Congress. He has often heard it said that soldiers have cheek and gall, fight with some rabels, whom they defeated, | years, he thought he could chin anything up capturing two of the enemy, whom they took | to 16 hands high, but must say that his cheek with there. They had to hide during the day | will become soft and crawl up in his hat so far small to cope with the rebels stationed in the he goes to a bank or to some merchant to have Cumberland Mountains. He would be glad to his \$1 per month pension check cashed. He furnish any comrade with information regard. | would also like to know if Col. Matson was as ing the cheap homes and healthy climate with slow in performing his military duties as he is which East Tennessee abounds, for he thinks | now in performing his legislative work. He old soldiers should hunt healthy localities, so | being the head of the Pension Committee, which they do not get.

J. C. Smith, Co. D. 1st Towa Cav., Bully, Ore., was in the service four years and five months. He is a constant reader of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE, but fails to see any communications from the members of his old company or regiment, and wonders what is the cause of this. What has become of all the brave men of this Island, which was published in THE NATIONAL | duty? He hopes they have not all been finally mustered out, and that some of them will say something regarding the services of the regiment before long.

J. S. Patton, Hutchinson, Kan., says he would like to see a communication from some comrade who served on a burial detail, giving the manner of precedure, the position of the bodies, the clothing used on the dead bodies, with impressions, experiences and incidents He has taiked with many comrades regarding these things, but has never seen one who was on such a detail.

Orren M. Smith, Co. K, 121st Pa., Frankford, Pa., says "The Boy Spy" was away off when he said he would give a Confederate estimate of the charges of the Pennsylvania Reserves at Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. The Reserves were not in the Chancellorsville fight, but were lying at Alexandria, Va. He knows this, as his regiment was brigaded with the

The Charge of Fremont's Body-Guard.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: I have been reading the account of the charge made by Gen. J. C. Fremont's Body-Guard Oct. 25, 1801, and see also from Greeley's History that Maj. White's command was in this chargetwo full companies, armed with Celt's repeating rifles, while only part of the Guard, especially Co. C, were armed with revolvers and sabers. To the best of my recollection there half-pound sins by Grocers, labeled thus: Springfield, Mo., or at least near there, and when we made the chargo Maj. White's two companies thought it was safer and took them-John McGrail, No. 19 Lippitt street, Provi- | selves to the rear, and left the Guard and Lieut. | could control enough votes in Congress to pass | a true history of this charge, but he has failed pension legislation, equalization of bounties, to do so. It is nothing but justice to the Guard latter was depreciated. Let the G.A.R. try | and leave it. I have no doubt but the privates Guard. Co. D of the Guard was not present, George W. Wilson, Co. K. 110th N. Y., and Co. | but were in St. Louis; also, part of Co. C. not he would verify these statements. There are yet a goodly number of the old Guard left that will verify the above. I do not write these statements to get into a newspaper controvering of the Post to have a copy of THE NATION. sy, but to give the facts that have not yet been stated in so far as I have seen. I hope to yet meet some of the old boys at Columbus at the National Encampment, and there hold a Rethe Kentucky company, as we were made up

from Ohio. In justice to Lieut. Norton and his command. will say that they were as brave as the bravest, and fought with desperation. Lieut, Norton was mortally wounded and died in a few days on a cot next to writer, who was badly wounded and lay on the battlefield all night. I only Brigadiers in Congress and everywhere else of know the postoffice address of but few of the their disloyal acts. They had the saud to old Guard: C. W. Moore, Rome, O.; T. C. Herfight, and what a pity for some of these poor | ron. Cincinnati, O.; Capt. J. L. Foley, Walnut fellows that they were not fighting for the Hills, O.; Jerry Reed, James Thompson, Wil-Government instead of against it, so that they could have been pensioned. He feels sorry for the crippled rebels, and is glad to learn that William Farnan, Lexington, Ky., August Wexel-burg, Chicago, Ill.; Frank Skiff, Chicago, Ill.; William Farnan, Lexington, Ky.—C. ALLEN some of the States are making provision for PURDY, Co. C, Frement's Body-Guard, Fal-

in Covington, but there were a large number

Another Young Soldier,

EDITOR NATIONAL TREBUNE: While dismer's question in last week's paper of who is | cussing the youngest soldier, the claims to that the oldest subscriber to THE NATIONAL TRIB- distinction of Fred, Whitlock should not be UNE, I will say my subscription began with | forgotten. I do not know his exact age when No. 1, Vol. 1, and has been uninterrupted since; | mustered into the service (Aug. 22, 1861), but have never missed a number, and never intend | he was a mere child, being one of a carload of to if I can beg, borrow or even steal a dollar. | orphans sent from New York to Ohio to secure M. G. Burkholder, Ligonier, Pa., says THE homes. He enlisted in Co. I, 30th Ohio, as NATIONAL TRIBUNE is unquestionably the best | drammer boy, and served faithfully until the friend of the Union soldier in America, and | close of the war. After peace was declared be asks us to continue the good work of pouring | returned to New York, since which time I have het shot into the ranks of the enemies until | not heard from him. If he is still living, would standing the situation, did not intend to let trains. Amid a pelting rainstorm his column | And there was one good story afterward going only my purpose to show that they did some | our foes are all vanquished and the Union sol- like to see him at a regimental Reunion at Copushed on all day, and at noon reached Em- the rounds of the camp in regard to some of it. service at an important time in the history of diers are in possession of their God-given lumbus during the session of the National Encampment.-J. H. Campbell, Des Moines, lows.

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